



Broward County Commission on the Status of Women

The Status of Women in Broward County Report 2025 Annual Report

Recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners



There is transformative power in empowering women, it can lead to positive change for individuals, families, & communities.

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2025 Officers:

Marie English-Arterberry, Chair

Angine Moss, 1st Chair

Chair's Report

The 2025 year for the Broward County Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) was one of meaningful progress, strengthened partnerships, and renewed commitment to advancing the well-being of women and girls in Broward County. Building on the foundation laid in 2024, our work this year focused on deepening collaboration, elevating public awareness, and advancing the priority areas identified in *The Status of Women in Broward County Report 2025*, the third biennial report examining women's economic development, health, safety, and education.

A major highlight of this year was Broward County's participation in the Inaugural Florida Commission on the Status of Women State Conference in Tallahassee. Representing Broward at this statewide gathering allowed us to help shape a new collaborative network.

Regionally, we continued to build a strong partnership with the Miami-Dade Commission on the Status of Women, fostering alignment. We are also proud of the expanded distribution of the CSW's mindfulness PSA campaign, now broadcast throughout county government buildings to support emotional well-being. Throughout 2025, the Commission continued its advisory work by examining the three priority areas identified in the Status of Women in Broward County Report. Our focus on maternal and infant health disparities was strengthened and will continue in 2026. In the area of mental health, we expanded the reach of our mindfulness PSA campaign, ensuring that tools supporting emotional well-being are now visible throughout county government buildings. Our attention to housing disparities included laying the groundwork for collaboration with the Housing Advisory Board to better understand current conditions and refine future recommendations. We also celebrated Women's History Month under the theme "Moving Forward Together – Women Educating & Inspiring Generations. We honored 24 trailblazing women and hosted a Fireside Chat with the CEO of Girls Scouts of America who shared informative insight on *The State of the Florida Girl Report*. As an advisory body, the Broward County Commission on the Status of Women remains committed to gathering, analyzing, and elevating the information most relevant to the lives of women and girls in our community.

It has been a privilege to lead this Commission, and I am confident that the foundation laid this year will continue to strengthen our efforts, and we look forward to continuing this important role with clarity, purpose, and commitment.

Marie English-Arterberry, Chair

Summary

This report is a high-level summary of the work of The Broward Commission on the Status of Women (Broward CSW). This report builds off the work done in 2024 and highlights the work in 2025. We are submitting our annual 2024 report along with this, our annual 2025 report.

In 2025, the Broward County Commission received The Status of Women in Broward County Report 2025 which is the third biennial report on women's economic development, health, safety, and education in Broward County.

The Broward CSW highlighted 3 main areas of focus and made recommendations in our 2024 Annual Report. The team from our CEDAW committee put together our focus for our work in 2025. The areas of concern were derived from The Status of Women in Broward County Report 2025 mentioned above.

Here are the focus areas –

1. Maternal and Infant Health Disparities
2. Mental Health Disparities
3. Housing Disparities

Progress by CSW in addressing these areas

Maternal and Infant Health Disparities

The board worked to provide details for each of the recommendations made in the 2024 report. Our April meeting included a discussion with Cindy Goodmen, Cindy is the health reporter for the Sun-Sentinel who published a four-part series on Maternal Health called “Born to Die”. Our discussion focused on the areas of improvement highlighted in the articles. This work will continue into 2026 with the intention of holding a panel with health practitioners and other professionals who can assist in making specific recommendations to the Broward County Commission.

Mental Health Disparities

The Broward CSW Mindfulness Committee continues to address mental health in Broward women by promoting the Public Service Announcements (PSA’s) developed in 2023? 24? They were able to expand the distribution of the PSA’s throughout the county where they are shown on public TV’s through the government buildings.

Housing Disparities

The Broward CSW will work to partner with the Housing Advisory Board to get more input on the state of our recommendations in Broward County.

Women's History Month

The theme of Women's History Month 2025 was "Moving Forward Together- Women Educating & Inspiring Generations"

The Broward County Commission presented a proclamation recognizing National Women's History Month on Tuesday, March 11 at 10 AM, during its regular meeting.

A special reception was held on Thursday, March 13 at ArtServ, 1350 E. Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale. It was attended by honorees, their families and community leaders, as well as the board of the Broward CSW.

The reception included a special Fireside chat featuring Lisa Johnson, Chief Executive Officer at Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida. The chat was hosted by Jasmen Rogers. The topic was "The State of the Florida Girl Report" published by the Girl Scouts of Florida Association.

In December, annual elections were held.

- Selinas Silvero was elected Chair.
- Angie Moss was elected First Vice chair.
- Knellee Bisram was elected Second Vice Chair.
- Jeanne Kacprzak was appointed secretary.